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TAGS: MASS, IN
SUBJECT: INDIAN NON-INTEREST IN A-4S

CHARGE WAS TOLD BY INDIAN NAVY VICE CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL
KAMATH DEC 16 THAT WHILE INDIAN NAVY HAD BEEN INTERESTED SOME TEN
YEARS AGO IN A-4 AS REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FOR USE ON CARRIER
VIKRANT, HE COULD CATEGORICALLY STATE THERE WAS NO SUCH INTEREST
AT PRESENT. USE OF A-4 WOULD ENTAIL SUBSTANTIWL ABOVE ANZBELOW
DECK MODIFICATIONS FOR VIKRANT IN CONNECTION WITH CA
NIXLT LAUN-
CHERS AND WITH DEVELOPMENT OF VTOL AIRCRAFT INDIANS 34INO LONGER
INTERESTED IN CATAPULT LAUNCHED AIRCRAFT. KAMATH DID NOT VOLUN-
TEER ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON WHICH VTOL AIRCRAFT THE INDIAN
NAVY WAS INTERESTED IN. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD THAT ACQUISITION
OF VTOL AIRCRAFT WOULD ALSO ENTAIL EXTENSIVE MODIFICATIONS TO
VIKRANT, ESPECIALLY FLIGHT DECK WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL
STRENGTHENING
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